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Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Food Corporation of India is planning to enter into exports directlyinstead of routing through public sector agencies like STC and MMTC;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the recommendation of Abhijit Sen Panel is being implemented for a decentralised procurement policy; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI SU MAHARIA)

(a)&(b): No such proposal has been formulated.

(c)&(d): The High Level Committee on Long Term Grain Policy had, inter-alia recommendedthat while the Centre should continue to take primary responsibility to procurement, it should also become more dispersed. The scheme of decentralized procurement of foodgrains is being implemented since 1997-98. The Central Government has also been encouraging other States, whichhave potential for procurement, to step up their procurement efforts.